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DEAR HENRY AND GIL,

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I HAVE RETIRED FROM VILLA STORELLI FOR THE WEEKEND AND HAVE SOUGHT REFUGE IN TOWN UNTIL JEAN [REDACTED] HAS LEFT FOR CASERTA.

AFTER RESIGNING HEATEDLY, HE HAS SEEN FIT TO TRY TO JUSTIFY ALL OF HIS ACTIONS AND THIS CONSISTS OF POINTING OUT ALL THE DEFECTS OF OUR ORGANIZATION INCLUDING HIS OPINIONS OF THE PERSONNEL THEREOF. I ACCEPTED HIS RESIGNATION AS WELL AS I COULD. I WASNT HAPPY ABOUT IT BUT I FIGURED THAT WAS THAT AND THERE WAS NO USE TALKING ABOUT IT ANY MORE. BUT HE HAS INSISTED ON DRAGGING OUT EVERY SINGLE THING HE COULD TO COMPLAIN ABOUT. FIRST OF ALL HE HAS INSISTED ON TAKING WITH HIM ALL OF THE OPERATIONAL EQUIPMENT ISSUED TO HIM, SUCH AS 32 AUTOMATIC, 2 WATCHES, AND VARIOUS OTHER ITEMS. HE IS ABSOLUTELY FURIOUS THAT I HAVE TAKEN THESE AWAY FROM HIM AND HAS THREATENED TO GO TO THE FRENCH HERE IN TOWN AND "TELL THEM THE WHOLE STORY" IF I DONT GIVE MX THEM TO HIM. WHEN I POINTED OUT TO HIM THAT THIS WAS OBVIOUSLY BLACKMAIL IT MADE HIM MORE FURIOUS. HE ACCUSED ME OF HAVING "KICKED HIM OUT" AND NOW THAT I'VE KICKED HIM OUT I WONT EVEN GIVE HIM A LITTLE AUTOMATIC OR A COUPLE OF WATCHES. HE WANTS TO LEAVE "D'UNE FACON CORRECTE" NAMELY HE WANTS ALL HE CAN GET HIS LITTLE HANDS ON. HE MAY GET AWAY WITH THE WATCH I BOUGHT HIM ON HIS ~~WRIST~~ WRIST. IF SO IT SHOULD BE TAKEN AWAY FROM HIM OR IT SHOULD BE CHARGED OFF AGAINST HIS SALARY. I HAVE TAKEN SO MUCH TROUBLE FOR THIS LITTLE LAD, DONE SO MUCH FOR THEM THAT HE HASNT EVEN KNOWN ABOUT, THAT HE JUST CANT GET OUT OF THE HABIT OF COMING TO ME FOR ANYTHING HE WANTS. SO NOT BEING ABLE TO PUT HIM SOMEWHERE ELSE, I HAVE LEFT HIM TO THE COOL HANDS OF BOB, AND I HAVE FLED THE CAMP. STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO PREVENT THE BOYS AT RADIO SCHOOL FROM COMING BACK THIS WEEKEND SO THAT JEAN WONT HAVE A CHANCE TO PISS THEM OFF.

HE LEAVES MONDAY ON THE BUS FOR CASERTA, ESCORTED BY A REPRESENTATIVE FROM SECURITY. THEY ARE GOING TO PUT HIM IN AN APARTMENT NEAR HEADQUARTERS WHERE HE THINKS HE WILL STAY FOR A SHORT TIME ONLY. ACTUALLY HE WILL BE THERE UNTIL YOU GIVE THE WORD. OF COURSE IF HE STAYS THERE VERY LONG, BY THE TIME YOU DO SEE HIM, HE WILL BE LIVID WITH RAGE. SO SINCE HE WILL HAVE TO COME BACK TO FRANCE SOONER OR LATER, I SUGGEST THE SOONER YOU GET IT OVER WITH THE BETTER.

TO ME THIS IS THE LAST STRAW. I HAVE DONE EVERYTHING POSSIBLE FOR THAT BOY. AND I HAVE NEVER BEEN SO INSULTED IN MY LIFE. TO HAVE TO SIT THERE AND TAKE IT IS A GRUELING THING. I DONT THINK I WILL BE MUCH GOOD FOR AGENT HANDLING FOR A GOOD WHILE TO COME. I FEEL THAT OUR CODDLING THEORY IS ABSOLUTELY WRONG. THIS SORT OF THING HAS HAPPENED TOO MUCH. THE PEOPLE JUST ARENT RATIONAL BEINGS. NUTS.

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I AM NOT PUSHING THE WYNBERG TRIP IN HOPES THAT WYNBERG CAN SERVE AS HIS ESCORT. WYNBERG IS SCHEDULED TO GO ON A MISSION IN FEBRUARY AND THIS TRIP IS MAINLY FOR HIM TO SEE HIS PARENTS IN PARIS BEFORE HE GOES. PLEASE GET HIM ORDERS TO GO THERE AND SEND HIM UP AT THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY. AND DONT HESITATE TO USE HIM TO ESCORT ANYONE BACK HERE. HE IS A NICE FELLOW AND COULD BE TRUSTED TO DO BUSINESS FOR YOU IN PARIS TOO FOR THAT MATTER.

I AM AIR PUCHING YOU A COPY OF THIS, GIVING ONE COPY TO MCCULLOCH AND SAVING ONE FOR WYNBERG.

YOURS,

John

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